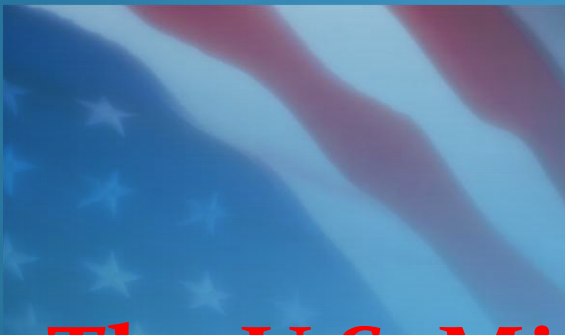
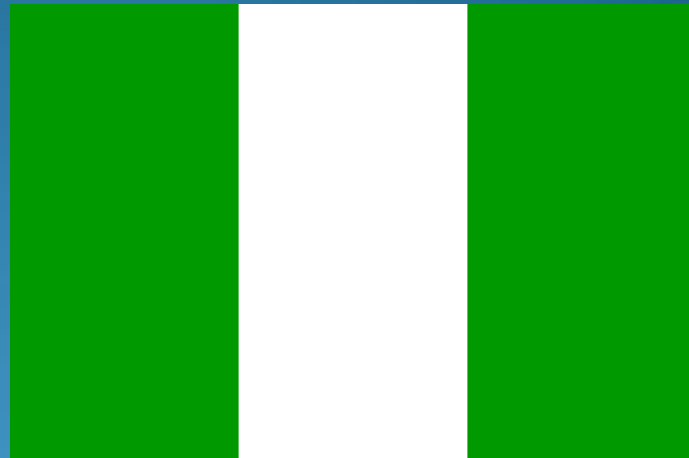


Introducing the DS-160 U.S. Visa Application Form



The U.S. Mission in Nigeria

Background

- DS-160 is our new online nonimmigrant visa (NIV) application form
- DS-160 replaces all the previous application forms:
 - DS-156 “Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-157 “Supplemental Nonimmigrant Visa Application”
 - DS-158 “Contact Information and Work History for Nonimmigrant Visa Applicant”
- DS-160 is mandatory as of March 1, 2010
 - Optional from February 16 through February 28

Advantages to applicants

- One form for everyone, instead of three to choose from
- Completely online – nothing to fill out by hand
- Family and group feature – no need to fill in identical data more than once
- Save feature – don't need to complete all at once
- Frequent applicants can save application for reuse
- Print only a single confirmation page

Application Process

Pay visa application and VFS service fees in person at designated branches of UBA

Make interview appointment online using full name, passport number and VFS fee receipt

Fill out DS-160 online at <https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>

Only the application form has changed – Other parts of the process remain the same

Take confirmation page to Embassy/Consulate

- Provide 2 photos and fingerprints
- Interview

Pick up visa at VFS

- Two business days after your interview

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Step 1 – Finding the DS-160

- Go to
<https://ceac.state.gov/genniv>
- Read the instructions
- Press “Start Application”



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Select Tooltip Language: English

Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Instructions

Welcome to the Consular Electronic Application Center Instructions page. This online Nonimmigrant Visa Application can be completed in order to assist you in expediting the visa application process.

What you need:

- Your Internet browser must support 128-bit encryption and must have javascript enabled.
- The minimum version of Internet Explorer (Windows) that this site supports is version 5.0 service pack 2 or higher.
- The minimum version of Netscape that this site supports is version 6.2 or higher.

Note: The time to download each page may vary depending on the speed of your Internet connection. Please be patient.

Instructions for completing the online Nonimmigrant Visa Application:

1. Enter the information requested into the appropriate spaces in each window. Please answer all questions. Your answers must be in English and must use English characters, except when you are asked to provide your full name in your native alphabet. Letters like ñ, ð, ù, ç are not recognized by the system. Please enter names like Muñoz and Sémonin as Munoz and Semonin, unless otherwise asked.
2. Review the information you entered for accuracy.
3. Print the confirmation page.
4. Bring the confirmation page with you at all steps during the visa application process.

Notice 22 C.F.R. 6 41.103 requires an applicant to sign and submit his or her own Nonimmigrant Visa Application unless otherwise exempt. Although the applicant may receive assistance from a third party in preparing the application, the applicant is required to click the "Sign Application" button at the end of the application. The applicant's failure to sign the application may result in a termination of the application.

[Start Application](#)

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Step 2 – Choose where you will interview

- Choose the Embassy or Consulate you will go to.
- In Nigeria your choices are:
 - Abuja, US Embassy
 - Lagos, US Consulate
- “Test Photo” option is not available in Nigeria

The screenshot shows the CEAC (Consular Electronic Application Center) website for the United States Department of State. The address bar displays the URL: https://ceac.state.gov/GENIV/General/complete/complete_gettingstarted.aspx?mode=Getting%20Started. The page is titled "Begin/Resume Application Process". On the left, there is a navigation menu with links: "Security and Background", "E-Visa", "Student/Exchange Visa", "Crew Visa", "Temporary Work Visa", and "V-Visa". Below the menu, there is a "Help: Navigation Buttons" section with a note: "Click on the buttons above to access previously entered data." The main content area shows "Step 1) Select the location where you will be submitting your application:". A dropdown menu for "Location" is open, showing a list of locations. "LAGOS, NIGERIA" is highlighted in blue. Other visible locations include JEDDAH, SAUDI ARABIA; JERUSALEM; KABUL, AFGHANISTAN; KOLKATA, INDIA; KYIV, UKRAINE; LONDON, ENGLAND; MATAMOROS, MEXICO; MELBOURNE, AUSTRALIA; MERIDA, MEXICO; MEXICO CITY, MEXICO; MONTERREY, MEXICO; MONTREAL, CANADA; MOSCOW, RUSSIA; MUMBAI, INDIA; MUNICH, GERMANY; MUSCAT, OMAN; NAIROBI, KENYA; NEW DELHI, INDIA; NOGALES, MEXICO; NUEVO LAREDO, MEXICO; PARIS, FRANCE; PERTH, AUSTRALIA; PODGORICA, MONTENEGRO; RIYADH, SAUDI ARABIA; SANAA, YEMEN; SHANGHAI, CHINA; SHENYANG, CHINA; and SOFIA, BULGARIA. To the right of the dropdown, there are sections for "Following options:" and "In the online application:", each with a "Continue" button. At the bottom, there is a footer with the U.S. Department of State logo and text: "U.S. Department of State. External links to other Internet views contained therein. [Production Act](#)".

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Step 3 – Fill in the form

- Complete all questions carefully and accurately
- Inserting wrong information or leaving required items blank will delay your application

The screenshot displays the DS-160 form with the following sections and data:

Personal Information 1

OMB CONTROL NUMBER: 1405-0182
FORM NUMBER: DS-160
EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/2011
ESTIMATED BURDEN: 75 MIN

NOTE: Data on this page must match the information as it is written in your passport.

Personal 1

Surnames: FERNANDRZ GARCIA (e.g., FERNANDEZ GARCIA)
Given Names: JUAN MIGUEL (e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)
Full Name in Native Alphabet: [Blank]

Passport Information

Passport Number: A1234567

Previous U.S. Travel Information

NOTE: Provide the following previous U.S. travel information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation.

Q: Have you ever been in the U.S.?

A: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Provide information on your last five U.S. visits:

Date of Arrival: 01 SEP 1996 (Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)
Length of Stay: 3 YEAR(S)

Q: Do you or did you ever hold a U.S. Driver's License?

A: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Q: Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa?

A: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Previous U.S. Visas

Date Last Visa Was Issued: 12 AUG 1996 (Format: DD-MMM-YYYY)
Visa Number: [Blank]

Help: Passport Number

Enter the information on the travel document you will be using when traveling to the U.S. Your travel document should be a valid, unexpired passport or other valid, unexpired documentation that is sufficient to establish your identity and nationality.

Help: Passport Book Number

The Passport Book Number is commonly called the inventory control number. You may or may not have a Passport Book Number on your passport. The location of the Passport Book Number on your passport may vary depending on the country that issued your passport. Please contact your passport issuing authority if you are unable to determine whether or not your passport contains a Passport Book Number.

Help: Expiration Date

In most cases your passport must have at least six months of validity beyond the date of your visa application and/or your arrival in the United States.

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Saving an application

- If you can't finish in one sitting, you can save the application to your hard drive and continue later
- Press “Save” at the bottom of any data entry page
- Press “Save Application to File”
- Press “Save” and navigate to the place you want to save your application

The image displays three sequential screenshots from the U.S. Department of State's Consular Electronic Application Center (CEAC) website, illustrating the process of saving a DS-160 application.

Top Screenshot: Shows the top navigation bar with the address "to: A/ISS/DIR, Room 2400 SA-22, U.S. Department of State, Washington, DC 20522-2202". Below this is a red bar with three buttons: "Back: Getting Started", "Save", and "Next: Personal 2". A blue arrow points from the "Save" button to the "Save Confirmation" page below.

Middle Screenshot: Shows the "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER" header. The left sidebar lists navigation options: "COMPLETE", "PHOTO", "REVIEW", "SIGN", "Getting Started", "Personal", "Personal 1", "Personal 2", "Address and Photo", "Passport", "Travel", "Travel Companions", "Previous U.S. Travel", "U.S. Contact", "Family", "Work/Education/Training", and "Security and Background". The main content area is titled "Nonimmigrant Visa Application" and "Save Confirmation". It states: "You have saved your application for your current session. Once you close the CEAC application browser window, you will not be able to retrieve the saved data." It also provides instructions on how to save the application to a file for later retrieval. At the bottom, there are three buttons: "Save Application to File", "Continue Application", and "Exit Application". A blue arrow points from the "Save Application to File" button to the "File Download" dialog box below.

Bottom Screenshot: Shows a "File Download" dialog box with the title "Do you want to open or save this file?". It displays the file name "CEACAA0000KFCJ.dat", the type "HTML Document, 21.9 KB", and the source "From: ceac.state.gov". There are "Open", "Save", and "Cancel" buttons. A blue arrow points from the "Save" button to the "Save Confirmation" page above.

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Retrieving a saved application

- Browse to a saved application file
- Press “Upload Data”

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Upload a Previous Application

Click 'Browse' and select the previously saved application file you wish to upload. Next, answer the security questions to validate that the correct file has been selected, then click 'Upload Data'. Finally, click on the 'Next' button at the bottom of each page until the last completed page has been reached and continue the application process.

Previously Saved Application File

File Path:
H:\CEACAA0000KDQF.DAT [Browse...](#)

Security Questions

First 5 Letters of Surname: Year of Birth:

[Upload Data](#) [Cancel](#)

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Tips

- If a question doesn't apply to you, you **must** check the “**Does Not Apply**” box
- Answer fully and include as much detail as you can
- Be especially careful with the yes/no questions near the end – misrepresenting the facts can make you permanently ineligible for a visa

(e.g., JUAN MIGUEL)

Full Name in Native Alphabet

☒ Does Not Apply

If your passport does not include your name, please enter 'FNU' in Given Name field.

A: ☒ Yes ☐ No

Phone

Home Phone Number
03-555-5555

Work Phone Number
03-444-4444 ☐ Does Not Apply

Work Fax Number
☒ Does Not Apply

Mobile/Cell Phone Number
012-555-5555

Monthly Salary in Local Currency (if employed)
 ☐ Does Not Apply

Briefly describe your duties:

Security and Background: Security Information

NOTE: Provide the following security and background information. Provide complete and accurate information to all questions that require an explanation. A visa may not be issued to persons who are within specific categories defined by law as inadmissible to the United States (except when a waiver is obtained in advance). Are any of the following applicable to you? While a YES answer does not automatically signify ineligibility for a visa, if you answer YES you may be required to personally appear before a consular officer.

Q: Do you seek to engage in espionage, sabotage, export control violations, or any other illegal activity while in the United States?

A: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Q: Do you seek to engage in terrorist activities while in the United States or have you ever engaged in terrorist activities?

A: ☐ Yes ☒ No

Q: Have you ever or do you intend to provide financial assistance or other support to terrorists or terrorist

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U.S. Contact
Family
Work / Education / Training
Security and Background
Medical and Health
Criminal
Security

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Step 4 – Reviewing your DS-160 application

- You have an opportunity to review and edit all your answers before submitting your application
- Check carefully that everything is correct – you cannot make changes to the form once you have submitted it

The screenshot shows the 'Review' step of the DS-160 application. The top navigation bar includes 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', 'REVIEW' (selected), and 'SIGN'. The left sidebar lists sections: 'Personal/Address/Phone/Passport', 'Travel' (selected), 'U.S. Contact', 'Family', 'Work/Education/Training', 'Security and Background', and 'Location'. The main content area is titled 'Nonimmigrant Visa Application' and 'Travel Information'. It contains several sections with input fields and checkboxes, each with an 'Edit Travel Information' link. The bottom of the form has three buttons: 'Back: Personal/Address', 'Save', and 'Next: U.S. Contact'.

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Travel Information

Principal Applicant? YES

☒ Purpose of Your Trip to U.S.

☒ Specific Travel Plan? YES

☒ The Location you plan to visit in the U.S.

Address where you will stay in the U.S.: 222 MAIN STREET
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

Person/Entity Paying for Your Trip: SELF

☒ Other Persons Traveling with You: YES

☒ Have you ever been in the U.S.? YES

Do you or did you hold a U.S. Driver's License? NO

☒ Have you ever been issued a U.S. Visa? YES

Have you ever been refused a U.S. Visa, been refused admission to the United States, or withdrawn your application for admission at the point of entry? NO

Back: Personal/Address Save Next: U.S. Contact

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Step 5 – Submitting your DS-160 application

- Once you submit your application, you cannot change it
- Pressing “Sign and Submit Application” constitutes your electronic signature, certifying that all the answers on the application are true

The screenshot shows the 'Sign and Submit' page for a Nonimmigrant Visa Application. The header includes the U.S. Department of State logo and the text 'U.S. DEPARTMENT of STATE CONSULAR ELECTRONIC APPLICATION CENTER'. Navigation tabs for 'COMPLETE', 'PHOTO', and 'REVIEW' are visible. A sidebar on the left contains a link for 'E-Sign and Certification'. The main content area is titled 'Sign and Submit' and contains the following text:

Read the following information carefully before dating, electronically signing and submitting the application.

Your application is now ready to be submitted. Please note that this does not necessarily mean that your application for a nonimmigrant visa is complete, as additional information may be needed after Department of State personnel have reviewed the application.

By clicking "Sign and Submit Application" you are electronically signing the application.

The screenshot shows the 'Sign and Submit Application' page. It includes a warning about the application's use for employment verification or other U.S. law purposes. Below this, there is a section for the 'Preparer of Application' with a question: 'Did anyone assist you in filling out this application?' and a radio button for 'Yes' (selected) and 'No'. The 'E-Signature' section contains a statement: 'I certify under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.' Below this are fields for 'Enter your passport number:' and 'Enter the code as shown:' (with a CAPTCHA image showing '9IFZXS8'). A red button labeled 'Sign and Submit Application' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, there are navigation links: 'Back: REVIEW', 'Save', and 'Next: Confirmation'.

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Step 6 – Printing your confirmation page

- Print the confirmation page
- Bring the printed confirmation sheet and two 5cm x 5cm photos to the interview
- You can print the entire application for your own records if you wish
- You can e-mail the confirmation to someone else (e.g., if you are completing the application for another person)

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Nonimmigrant Visa Application

Language:

Confirmation

NOTE: The photo you have submitted with your visa application did not meet the quality standards specified in the instructions on photo submission for visa applicants. Please have new photos taken, specifically following the photo guideline instructions on <http://travel.state.gov>.

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and the following document(s) with you at all steps during the application process:

Passport.

YOU MUST BRING this confirmation page and submit it with the NEW photo and your passport to your Embassy, Consulate, or International Organization to complete the application process. The barcode **MUST** be clear and legible on the printed page. You may also print the entire application for your records. If you do not have access to a printer at this time, select the option to email your confirmation page to an email address.

Please contact your Consular Post directly for information on how to continue the application process. Please note that you will be required to provide proof that you have paid the visa application fee. You may also provide any additional documents you feel will support your case. **DO NOT** submit the entire application.

Some posts have special procedures for applicants who may not need a visa interview; you may find information about that process on the Consular Post's website.

If you have further questions or to find out how to contact the Consular Post please go to <http://usembassy.state.gov/> or <http://travel.state.gov>.

This confirms the submission of the Nonimmigrant visa application for:

	Name Provided:	TEST, TEST
	Nationality:	BRAZIL
	Passport Number:	TEST
	Completed On:	3 June 2008
	Confirmation No:	AA000004E8

Location Selected:
US EMBASSY - LONDON
666 TEST-00
LONDON, UK

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THIS IS NOT A VISA

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Reminder

The DS-160 replaces only the application forms. Other items are still required:

- Students: I-20
- Exchange visitors: DS-2019
- Diplomats and officials: Diplomatic note

And most applicants still must show evidence of ties to their place of residence



Contacts

Abuja

Consular Section:

Website: <http://nigeria.usembassy.gov/welcome.html>
E-Mail: ConsularAbuja@state.gov
Phone: (234)-9-461-4000 Abuja

VFS:

Website: www.usa-vfsglobal-ng.com
E-Mail: infousnigeria@vfshelpline.com
Helpline #: 01-4631363
Address: VF Global Services Nigeria Ltd
No. 38, Lobito Crescent, Wuse II
Abuja - Nigeria

Contacts

Lagos

Consular Section:

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VFS:

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